

## **Hope is Rising**

Luke 24:13-35

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### **INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Pastor Dave stated that this has been a really hard year for everyone. The three main points of the sermon message were: losing hope, finding hope, and sharing hope. Share with your group a specific example from your personal life in the past year, where you've experienced one of those (or maybe even, all).
2. If Jesus were to walk a few miles with you today, what would you talk with Him about?

### **DIGGING DEEPER: Read Luke 24:13-35, then discuss the following questions:**

3. What did Jesus ask the men in verses 17 and 19? How did they respond? How did the men "miss" Jesus in verse 21? How did they miss Him in their account of the empty tomb? How do we miss Jesus and/or the Gospel today?
4. **Read verses 25-27.** Discuss Jesus' response to the men. What did He do in verse 27? What does this tell us about the Old Testament? Share and discuss some of your personal favorite connections to Jesus from the Scriptures.
5. **Read verses 28-35.** Notice when the men come to know this man is Jesus – why is this action significant? How did the men react to this realization of Jesus in verse 32? What is their response (verses 33-35)?
6. How does the reality of the living Christ bring you to worship? How does it fuel your mission?
7. If an unbeliever were to ask you, "what practical difference does Jesus make in your life?" What would you tell them?

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

8. How are you doing in the area of sharing the love of Christ to those around you (your home, your neighborhood, your work place, etc....)?
9. WHO do you know that needs to hear the message of HOPE that only Jesus offers? Encourage each group member to make a list of specific people, and keep that list in a safe place. Commit to pray specifically for these people, and for opportunities to share with them. (We will have some exciting opportunities for you in the near future – stay tuned!)
10. End your group time in prayer, thanking God for the hope that we always have, in Christ.